AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application, and are marked to show changes.

What is claimed is:

1-21.   (Cancelled).

22.   (Original).   A method of analyzing resources and events of a first computer comprising:

    (a)   storing in a first database located within the first computer a first dataset describing the resource and event characteristics of the first computer at a first moment in time;

    (b)   storing in the first database a second dataset describing the resource and event characteristics of the first computer at a second moment in time;

    (c)   comparing the first dataset and the second dataset in order to determine whether the differences indicate the occurrence of an exceptional event; and

    (d)   if an exceptional event has occurred, initiating an exception handling routine.

23.   (Currently Amended).   The method of claim ~~1~~ 22 wherein initiating an exception handling routine comprises notifying a second computer of the exceptional event.

24.   (Currently Amended).   The method of claim ~~1~~ 22 wherein initiating an exception handling routine comprises notifying a human user of the exceptional event.

25.   (Currently Amended).   The method of claim ~~1~~ 23 wherein the second computer comprises a server.

26.   (Currently Amended).   The method of claim ~~1~~ 23, further comprising the step:

    (e)   the second computer transmits a response to the first computer.

27.   (Currently Amended).   The method of claim ~~1~~ 26, further comprising the step:

    (f)   the second computer stores the notification of the exceptional event in a second database.

28.   (Currently Amended).   The method of claim ~~1~~ 27, further comprising the step: